

What is claimed is:

1. An adapter to be placed between an endotracheal tube and bag-valve mask, the adapter comprising:
a housing containing a first tube for attachment to an endotracheal tube and a second tube
5 for attachment to a bag-valve mask;
a carbon dioxide indicator within the housing, in gaseous communication with the endotracheal tube, and isolated from the atmosphere.
2. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the first tube has a tapered insertion end for fitting
10 within an end of the endotracheal tube.
3. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the first and second tubes are axially aligned.
4. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the housing has orifice in the perimeter of the
15 second tube, the carbon dioxide indicator covering the orifice, a barrier isolating the carbon dioxide indicator from the atmosphere.
5. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the second tube has an outside diameter between
approximately 12mm - 20mm.
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6. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the second tube has an outside diameter
approximately 14mm.
7. The adapter of claim 4 wherein the orifice are spaced around the second tube and
25 the carbon dioxide indicator surrounds the second tube over the orifice.
8. The adapter of claim 7 wherein the carbon dioxide indicator is a ring of chemically
treated colorimetric indicator paper.
- 30 9. The adapter of claim 8 wherein the barrier is a clear ring.

10. The adapter of claim 9 wherein the clear ring has a C-shaped cross section defining an aperture for placing the carbon dioxide indicator.
11. A combination comprising:
5 an endotracheal tube;
an adapter having a housing containing a first tube attached to the endotracheal tube and a second tube for attachment to a bag-valve mask;
a stylet placed within the endotracheal tube and the adapter to provide temporary rigidity to the endotracheal tube.
- 10 12. The combination of claim 11 further comprising a handle attached to the stylet to facilitate removal of the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter.
13. The combination of claim 12 wherein the handle interfaces the second tube to form
15 a seal.
14. The combination of claim 11 further comprising a carbon dioxide indicator within the adapter housing.
- 20 15. The combination of claim 14 wherein the housing has orifice in the perimeter of the second tube, the carbon dioxide indicator covering the orifice, a barrier isolating the carbon dioxide indicator from the atmosphere.
16. The combination of claim 15 wherein the second tube has an outside diameter
25 between approximately 12mm - 20mm.
17. A method of placing an endotracheal tube within a patient and testing for placement within the patient's trachea, the method comprising:
providing a bag-valve mask and an endotracheal tube, an adapter attached to the
30 endotracheal tube having a carbon dioxide indicator, a stylet within the endotracheal tube and the adapter;

placing the endotracheal tube within the patient;
removing the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter;
placing the bag-valve mask upon the adapter and ventilating the patient;
determining proper placement within the patient's trachea by observing the carbon dioxide
5 indicator.

18. The method of claim 17 further comprising providing hermetically sealed
packaging for an assembly of the endotracheal tube, the adapter, and the stylet;
removing the assembly from the packaging.

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19. The method of claim 17 further comprising:
providing a handle attached to the stylet and interfaced with the adapter to form an air-tight
seal;
gripping the endotracheal tube with one hand and pulling the handle to remove the stylet.

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20. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step engaging the bag-valve mask
for one ventilation cycle.